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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yamamoto, et al.

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For: HIGH POLYMER GEL AND ACTIVATION METHOD FOR COMPOUNDS
CONTAINING ACTIVE HYDROGEN

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

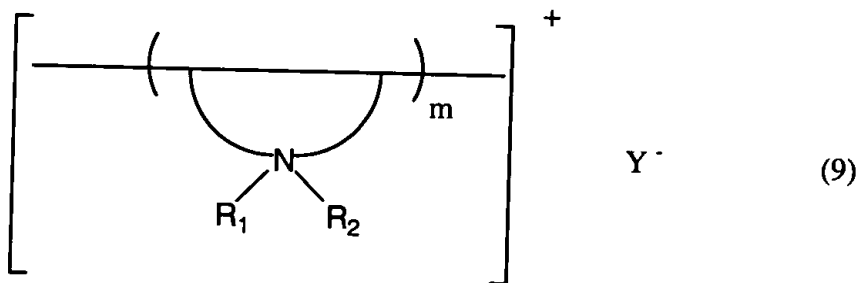
Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application, being filed herewith, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 21, rewrite formula (9) as



On page 95, rewrite the second paragraph as

a²

A hydroxyethylation reaction of acrylic acid was carried out by using the polymer gel that had been formed by allowing the polymer (6) obtained in Embodiment 6 to swell in the